

WOULD EXAMINE HEADS OF ALL THE CANDIDATES

Phrenologists Come Forward With Scheme For Election of Officers.

London, Dec. 14.—A proposal that all candidates for Parliament should submit to examination by a phrenologist and "have their bumps told," is one of the features of the annual report of the British Phrenological Society, which has just completed its annual meeting here.

"The State's need of phrenology is evident in nearly every department of government administration," said one of the speakers at the convention. "Particularly in the election of members of Parliament. It seems to us that the best-fitted candidate, according to the formation of his head and the volume and quality of his brains, is not always elected. A phrenological examination of all candidates would save an immense amount of unnecessary misunderstanding, blundering and expense."

"The system which we propose was tried on some candidates from the Brighton Town Council recently with satisfactory results. Phrenology should be utilized in this way in every town and city."

"We have heard a good deal lately in political circles about 'brain efficiency,' but it has all been talk, because the authorities have no scientific formula by which they can calculate a candidate's brain capacity or his intellectual grip and ability, nor will they ever have it until they call on phrenologists to their assistance."

"Cabinet ministers ought to be all selected according to the formation of their heads, and not merely upon personal influence, credentials or reputation."

"Phrenology ought to be taught in our schools—instead of German."

PLAN TO INTERN WAR PRISONERS IN NETHERLANDS

Arrangements Made to Provide for British and Germans Under Exchange.

The Hague, Netherlands, Dec. 14.—(Correspondence.)—Seven to eight thousand British prisoners-of-war from Germany shortly are to take up their quarters at The Hague and in the neighborhood, constituting a fresh strain on the sorely-tried housing accommodation of the city and its environs. A like number of German prisoners from Great Britain are to be quartered in other parts of the country, and preparations are afoot to provide for them.

Both Great Britain and Germany have sent over representatives to cooperate with the Netherlands authorities in the matter. Special hospital accommodations are being provided for the numerous invalids, as only a limited number of cases can be placed in existing civil and military hospitals. The British and Netherlands Red Cross societies are joining efforts in this task.

A site has been offered by the city council of The Hague, in the immediate neighborhood of the British quarters, for the erection of workshops. Young Men's Christian association huts, and the provision of football and cricket grounds. Following the example set in Switzerland, special care is to be devoted to training men for useful vocations. With a view to avoiding competition with native labor, in accordance with rules laid down by the authorities, the employment provided probably will take the form of constructing movable houses or cabins for use in Belgium after the war, and making furniture for the same purpose, work that is already occupying many Belgian industrial workers and refugees.

To accustom the German prisoners to regular employment and give them a certain amount of confidence in the future, workshops are to be erected in the Wolfseken camp. Raw materials are to be brought from Germany where the finished work will be in due course exported in order to avoid competition with Netherlands workmen. According to present plans, some of the men will be put to work on the land, while students will be given facilities to continue their studies at Netherlands universities.

Another loan of \$25,000,000 was extended to Italy by the United States.

An American steamer arrived at an Atlantic port with 64 passengers, many of whom had good-sized bundles of sugar cane from Cuba.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." Dr. W. Grove's signature is on box. 36c.

DIED.

FRENCH—In this city, Dec. 12, 1917, Elizabeth A. Walsh, widow of George N. French.

Funeral from her late residence, 335 William street, on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 7:15 a. m. and from St. Charles' church at 7:45 a. m.

Interment, Coventry, Conn. Automobile cortege. T 13 b*

HOWLAND'S

Entrances in Main street, Fairfield avenue and Cannon street

Bridgeport, Conn.,
Friday, Dec. 14.

Christmas Club checks cheerfully and promptly cashed

The Weather:—Fair and much colder.

Let the children have a foretaste of their Christmas pleasures. Bring them to Toyland and let them enjoy to the full all the wondrous things that await them there. We don't want to spoil anybody's fun so we'll not tell what those things are. Just let the little folks see for themselves.

The store is open Saturday evening as usual. Next week Wednesday the holiday schedule begins and the store will be open each evening until Christmas. That will give four evenings for shopping next week and one the week after. With our eager enthusiastic staff at its very best, we believe you will all find the service better than ever.

Rich fur coat, actually a fabric and economy.

Coat of seal plush, with wondrous likeness to the beautiful fur of the seal, at special price.

Never was a fabric more like a fur than this seal plush.

It has the fur's luster, and depth, and softly-rich surface.

The coats made from it are of new attractive and gracefully draped models; skillfully made in each little but important detail.

Warm shapely collars, excellent and durable linings, and the fabric a remarkable likeness of seal fur.

Little lot, specially worthy in each quality, \$25.

would usually sell at \$27.50 and \$30—\$25.
A great many other models, some with shawl collars and some trimmed with a touch of fur that contrasts with the seal—

Second floor.

Pretty lingerie for full-figured women.

Beauty and grace and fineness have all been woven into this lingerie for women of full figure; no longer are they neglected by folks who make the prettiest and daintiest of such attire.

Camisoles of white or pink crepe de chine and satin are delightful in both model and trimming. Sizes from 46 to 50—\$1.25 to \$3.

Nightgowns of muslin and of nainsook in handsome styles from plain and fine to beautiful and lace-trimmed, slipover and long-sleeved, V and high necks;—a dainty gathering. Sizes 46 to 52—\$1.25 to \$3.

Envelope chemises in clever new models trimmed with lace or embroidery, especially well made, sizes 46 48 and 50—\$1.25 and \$1.50.

Second floor.

More utilities at an economy.

An electric iron to save much time and trouble for housewife.

Is complete with 6 feet of cord and detachable plug, is quickly slipped into place, heats in a wink. Regular \$4—\$3.65

Carving sets of 3 pieces, tasteful handles, knife with a blade in graceful shape—several patterns—regular \$5—\$4

Coasters of glass cut in star pattern and finished with nickel rim; regular \$3.75 doz—each 25c

Aluminum teapots, teaball style, 6 cup size, regular \$2—\$1.75

Fourth floor.

Good sense says: slippers!

From Dad to Littlest Sister, no offence is possible when Santa brings a pair of slippers.

If they are warm felt ones, so much the better! For even Dad has learned how mighty-comfortable they are.

Two different good patterns for men at \$1.50 and \$2! For women, fine felt with trimming of ribbon or fur—

in a great diversity of colors—\$1.50 to \$2.50.

Girls' and children's sizes, a number of splendid colors,—59c to \$1.25.

If Mr. Man prefers leather slippers, Ready!

Several sorts, low cut and high, supple leather and full of service as well as comfort,—\$2 to \$4.

Main floor, rear.

A sparkling waist economy!

Out go a whole lot of different sorts of waists at \$3.50. Regular price of each waist in the lot has been not less than \$5.75.

A good big share of them has been marked \$7.50.

And their companions have been selling at those prices; same waists exactly but in other sizes.

For this is a gathering of the ones and twos and threes from a number of different sorts.

Crepe de chine Fine satin
Georgette crepe Pussy Willow silk
Fine lace and net

Rich plain colors—including burgundy and gold and maize and flesh; white too.

Fancy waists, strikingly simple but beautiful waists, afternoon waists, evening waists—but all alike in economy for while former prices were \$5.75 and \$7.50 NOW they are \$3.50.

Second floor.

Stockings with gift appeal.

Silk stockings have most-powerful appeal as gift—because of their richness and comfort and good service, if given fair treatment.

Handsome plain black or white silk—\$1.

Silk boot, with top and bottom of lisle—75c.

Fine silk with stripes or figures in contrast—\$1.25 to \$1.50.

For hard service—good black stockings of cotton in medium weight—6 pairs for \$1.25.

To insure girls' comfort—black cashmere stockings in all sizes—50c.

Left aisle, rear.

Gloves that give much comfort.

Good-fitting gloves of good-weight leather in a soft tanned finish assure comfort all through cold season.

And what grace and attraction they impart to the hand!

Extra-value gloves of tan cape with black embroidery, one clasp, \$1.65

Fine soft cape gloves of special weight, tan or sand or white and as washable as a handkerchief, finished with extra care and nicety, fit particularly well—\$2

Rich gray mocha gloves, soft of feel and in delightful shade of gray, embroidered in self hue, altogether excellent—\$2.50

Center aisle, rear.

A watch for remembrance.

Gift from the one who is going to the one who stays at home and waits.

Gift that will record the hours as they pass and bring always pleasant memory.

Such is bracelet watch of solid gold;—one of many delightful offerings at Howland jewelry section.

It has gilt or silver dial, is mounted on handsome ribbon with adjusting slide, is equipped with reliable Swiss movement.

This jewelry store's plan of doing business brings it at especial price too. Instead of regular price of \$16.50, 'tis \$12.75

Left aisle, front.

Men;—Get this economy.

Hear a lot of men say they can't get a decent pair of shoes for less than \$6 or \$7.

Steer some of those men this way and see the economy that's ready!

We've a lot of black calfskin shoes that we've been selling for \$4 a pair!

They are great shoes at \$4; we know none to equal them. And \$4 is quite a way down the scale from \$6 to \$7 isn't it?

Those shoes are either blucher style or in an English last. They fit and look well. They will stand up well under service. Some of them have soles of special-treated fiber.

NOW here is the economy:—We shall sell those shoes to the first men who get here after them at \$3.45.

Near Fairfield avenue door.

A boy's suit at economy.

"Odd" suits that are actually odd only in imagination.

For they are suits that are left (one or two) from our regular early-season lots.

We call them "odd" because we haven't all sizes. In point of fact, they are regular in every way EXCEPT PRICE!

Just because there is not every size in each pattern, down go prices.

Yet there is every size in the lot—and Boy can make a fine choice and Mother can save some money.

Good woollens, Norfolk models, good colors—have been \$7.50 to \$12—\$6 & \$7.75

Front basement.

Rubber coat to give boy service.

A rubber raincoat that actually sheds rain and that keeps a boy comfortably warm.

Stout khaki fabric with a coating of soft pliable rubber—guaranteed to be waterproof.

Every size from 4 to 16 at the same price of \$4

And a rubber hat of same sort at 75 cents.

Front basement.

Fine brushes from an ally.

Business is going along in France; no despair there.

Every little while some one of the many fine things the French know so well how to make, manages to come overseas.

Here is such a thing; just in time for a Christmas gift to men who prize fineness.

Military sets of brushes, natural or deep black ebony, 10 to 15 rows of fine bristles—\$4.50 to \$8 pair

Center aisle, front.

Bit of lingerie at economy.

One economy to be fully appreciated by woman who delights in fine soft underwear.

Drawers of excellent nainsook, light and fine and grateful of texture, new patterns, trimmed with embroidery or Val lace in a number of differing and beautiful patterns.

Sizes 23 25 and 27, regular \$1 and \$1.25—75c and \$1

Second floor.

This war-time Christmas should be a nation-wide oldtime Christmas—a Christmas of heart and home and happiness with all the merriment that can be crowded into it and with all possible binding tighter and closer of those ties which above all others withstand common and uncommon strains and are not tarnished by time or by cares.

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

